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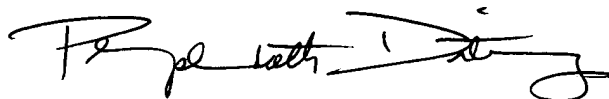
Claims 1-45 are pending, in which claims 16-45 are newly presented. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants have inadvertently omitted Figures 7q and 7r. A separate letter has been sent to the Official Draftsperson requesting that the attached Figures 7q and 7r be included. Support for this inclusion is fully supported by the specification; for example, page 5, line 25; page 17, line 27- page 21, line 5. Applicants submit that one having ordinary skill in the art would have recognized this mistake and its appropriate correction and that no new matter has been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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